

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 825

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Junior League of Kingsport upon the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life of citizens through educational and charitable activities; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Kingsport is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteer service, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Kingsport was established on March 31, 1958, when the Kingsport Junior Service League was accepted into membership in the Association of Junior Leagues of America (now the Association of Junior Leagues International); and

WHEREAS, during its remarkable fifty-year history, the Junior League of Kingsport has enhanced the community with the spirit of volunteer service and substantial funding in support of many agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Kingsport is made up of more than 350 women dedicated to building a better community; its members represent a wide range of backgrounds, interests, and skills; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Kingsport has invested more than \$670,000 in a variety of special projects and interests, including Library Orientation, Long Island Kindergarten, Boys Club Learning Center, Juvenile Receiving Home, Girls Club, Fine Arts Center, Bays Mountain Library, Netherland Inn, Learning Disabilities, Volunteer Kingsport, Mt. Region Speech and Hearing, Comprehensive Emergency Services, Reading is Fundamental, St. Timothy's Place, Big Brother/Big Sister, Life, Leadership Kingsport, Contact-A-Friend, First Friend, Rascals Teen Center, Special Needs Resource Center, Tri-Cities Food Bank, Hands On!

Museum, Kaleidoscope, Creative Drama, Kids on the Block, Fun Fest, Children's Advocacy Center, President's Community Fund, Salvation Army Weekend Meals, First Night, Books for Babies, Friends in Need, Small Miracles Therapeutic Riding Center, American Red Cross, Lend a Hand, Book Bag, Summer Reading Camp, Windows of Hope, Second Harvest Food Bank, Read Across America, Sisters in Action for Sisters, Community Connections, ENCORE, Women's Fair, and Kids in the Kitchen; and

WHEREAS, Kids in the Kitchen is the League's second annual initiative on childhood obesity and nutrition, and as staunch advocates for children's health issues, members of the Junior League of Kingsport have made it their mission to educate children about positive eating habits and the value of exercising; and

WHEREAS, the League also held a community training event on February 29, 2008, to increase public awareness and to promote the safety of our communities, especially in regard to children; the training event featured internationally-acclaimed safety expert Donna Rice Hughes; and

WHEREAS, the League's Community Connections committee plans and oversees community projects; those esteemed projects for the 2007-2008 League year include the National GE Wellness tour, Race for the Cure Survivor's Reception, Girls Inc. Thanksgiving, Hope House Angel Tree, and Second Harvest Food Drive; and

WHEREAS, the League gives community grants to community non-profit groups annually every Fall, and it awards a scholarship to a local graduating female senior every Spring; and

WHEREAS, the widely successful Holiday Market is the League's primary annual fundraiser; in its second year, the Holiday Market will be held from October 9 until October 11, 2008, and will feature fine arts, gifts, collectibles, home décor items, and gourmet foods; and

WHEREAS, public servants of the highest order, the members of the Junior League of Kingsport work diligently to raise funds to help support their many projects; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Kingsport is committed to continuing its tradition of training women for volunteer service, and therefore it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations

to honor and commend this excellent, community-focused, volunteer-training organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the officers and members of the Junior League of Kingsport on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization, reflecting with deep appreciation on their numerous contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer them much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared with this final clause omitted from such copy.